**Re-evaluation of result of BDS students of CCS University, Meerut**

2359. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to certain procedural and system related difficulties, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, has not been in a position to entertain the requests of the BDS students for re-evaluation and Scrutiny of their results, thereby affecting their career;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the number of such cases entertained so far; and

(d) the remedial measures proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) BDS Course Regulations envisage that any candidate who fails in one subject in BDS course is permitted to go to the next higher class and appear for the failed subjects and complete it successfully before he is permitted to appear for the next higher examination. Provision has also been made in the Regulations for Re-evaluation to ensure that the concerned students receive a fair evaluation in the course examination to minimize human error. Since the examinations are conducted by the Chaudhary Charan Singh University and the requests from students for Re-evaluation are also received by the University.

**NRHM schemes in Jharkhand**

2360. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been implementing schemes under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, details of programme drawn, if any, for implementation in Jharkhand under NRHM since its inception indicating the details of augmentation effected, if any, in the healthcare infrastructure across the State and number of beneficiaries thereof, Year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that infant mortality rate in Jharkhand has been much above the national average;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps contemplated, if any, to achieve improvement in this regard in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Government has launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in all the states with special focus on 18 high focus states which includes Jharkhand.

Under the NRHM, comprehensive steps have been undertaken for improving the Primary Health Care System in the state of Jharkhand. The thrust of NRHM in the State is on establishing

a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system. NRHM facilitates simultaneous action on collateral determinants of health like water, sanitation, education, nutrition, etc. Under NRHM major steps have been undertaken to augment the Health Human Resources, improve infrastructure and equipments at health facilities and improve planning, management and logistics/supply chain management at health facilities.

NRHM provides overarching umbrella to several National programmes of Health and Family Welfare including RCH-II, National Disease Control Programmes and Integrated disease Surveillance.

The State of Jharkhand has operationalised all the strategies under the NRHM and has undertaken some path-breaking steps for augmenting Health Human Resources and improving the health infrastructure. The state has prepared Integrated District Health Action Plans so as to operationalise long term reforms in health sector. Under NRHM, all sub centers, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) in the state of Jharkhand have been allocated Untied Funds for local health action and local maintenance of the facility. Hospital Management Society at the facilities have been given corpus grants to compensate the gaps which are identified locally. The Community Link workers called Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) have been selected in the State and are facilitating the utilisation of services in public system.

The State has undertaken comprehensive upgradation of infrastructure and PHCs are being upgraded to CHCs and First Referral Units (FRUs). As of April 2009, the state has reported 226 health facilities functional on 24 × 7 basis at Sub District level. Physical upgradation work has been started in 146 CHC level facilities and 10 District Hospitals. Over 700 doctors and over 3200 ANMs and 1200 paramedics have been positioned on contract. The State has reported over eight lakh beneficiaries under the Janani Suraksha Yojana.

As per SRS 2007, the Infant Mortality Rate in Jharkhand is 48 against national Average of 55. The State envisages attainment of the goal of IMR at 30/1000 live births under NRHM. The steps being undertaken under NRHM are envisaged to accelerate the achievement of this goal.

**Implementation of Expanded Programme on Immunization**

2361. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been implementing "Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI)" under the universal immunization programme across the country;

(b) if so, salient features thereof indicating status of its implementation especially in the backward States like Jharkhand;

(c) the volume of each type of vaccine needed for implementation of EPI and the status of availability thereof during the last five years;